

REMARKS

Claims 82 is amended, and claims 82-87 are pending in the application. The amendment to claim 82 is supported by the originally-filed application at, for example, paragraph 0038, and therefore does not comprise "new matter".

The pending claims stand rejected over Paek in view of Nakamura and Cabral. Such rejections were discussed in a telephone interview between the Undersigned and Examiner Patel on July 25, 2007. During such interview, it was agreed that amendment of claim 82 to indicate the metal-containing layer is "deposited" over the metal-enriched silicide would distinguish over the cited references. Applicant has made such amendment to claim 82, and believes that the claim is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 83-87 depend from claim 82, and are therefore believed allowable for at least the reasons for which claim 82 is allowable.

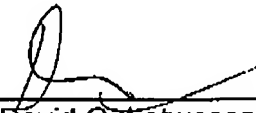
Claims 82-87 are believed allowable for the reasons discussed above, and applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner's next action be a Notice of Allowance formally allowing claims 82-87.

Respectfully submitted,

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